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	2.	section of Schweidnitz (P 51/H An engine test stand was seen it day and night.	from the road.	Aircraft engines wer	c running there
•	~ 0	The former Arras Kaserne on Grenadier Strasse was partially destroyed and not occupied. The former Flandern Kaserne, bordered by Grenadier Strasse and Freiburger Strasse, was occupied by Soviet Air Force soldiers. It consisted of 5 or 6 four-story buildings, each about 40 meters long.			
	3. The former Barbara Kaserne, located in the northeastern section of the town, was occupied by boviet soldiers including some who were steel-blue uniforms with blue epaulets and others wearing brown uniforms and black epaulets with crossed gun-barrel insignia. The installation consisted of 5 or 6 four-story buildings each 30 to 40 meters long.				
	4.	Bolko Kaserne, located in the angle formed by Bolko Strasse and Woyrsch Strasse, was the only installation which was occupied by Polish soldiers, wearing steel-blue uniforms with red-bordered epoulets. A Soviet officers club, called Dom Offitsera, was located on Friedrichstrasse. *			
· V 4 A	5.	Schweidnitz airfield, was, located on the road to Weizenroda (P 51/H 18). There were he to 6 temporary buildings, each 20 meters long. No flying activity was observed at night, Single-engine and twin-engine aircraft were observed at the field during the summer of 1950. After 1949, only a few aircraft, mostly single-engine and twin-engine planes with red			
X1A	6.	Soviet stars, made individual	and formation	flights over the town	• *** -
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of the buildings were occupied by Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered light blue epaulets. Two or three buildings were being furnished for quartering purposes. Partition walls were being erected or removed and high voltage cables were being laid in the other buildings. In April and May 1947, 30 to 40 new machines such as lathes drilling, and milling machines were trucked to the installation and set up in some buildings. When passing several times between May 1947 and November 1950, source saw a steel scaffold in the barracks yard. A large engine with a propeller was mounted in the steel structure. Civilians, Soviet officers, and soldiers stood around the scaffold while the engine was running loudly. According to Soviet soldiers, aircraft parts were being manufactured there. In addition to the Soviet soldiers who were quartered in the barracks buildings, Soviet civilians were also employed there. The civilians with their families were housed in five five-story houses on Koeniggraetzer Strasse, The residential area was surrounded by a board fence and guarded by Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered light blue epaulets. It was generally known in Schweidnitz that all the Soviets living in the town wore employed as special laborers in the barracks installation. The wives of some skilled laborers said that they came from Loscow and that their husbands worked as aircraft experts in Schweidnitz,

- 7. Flandern Kaserne was also occupied by Poviet soldiers. Soviet Air Force units were quartered in Arras Kaserne and allegedly also in Barbara Kaserne. Two Soviet generals were stationed in the town. The Soviet soldiers, most of whom came from Siberia, were transferred to Schweidnitz to take part in instruction courses for some months.
- 8. Schweidnitz airfield, located on the road leading to weizenroda, was occupied by Soviet troops. Source observed repeatedly that two temporary buildings at the field were occupied by air force personnel and that some biplanes were parked at the field. There was no runway or taxiway. On h June 1951, the field was occupied by h twin-engine planes, 3 single-engine aircraft and 2 biplanes. There were some temporary buildings but no hangars. ** 25X1A

Commento According to both sources, all the Soviet soldiers observed in Schweidnitz were blue epaulets. The concordant statements of the two sources indicate that a large technical air force school with repair shops may be stationed in Schweidnitz. Most of the Soviet experts and civilian workers seem to be employed in the engine repair shops where the young soldiers are given practical instruction.

Comment. The exact occupation of the airfield has not been determined. It appears, however, that no air unit is stationed there. The aircraft seen may have been trainers and transports of the technical air force school

which may exist there.

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